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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

G. Trinchieri *et al*

Appl. No.: 09/395,038

Filed: September 13, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR ENHANCING THE  
IMMUNO STIMULATORY  
EFFECT OF INTERLEUKIN-12

) Group Art Unit: 1646

) Examiner: S. Prasad

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**RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

Sir:

This is filed in timely response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000, which requires restriction of the claims. Please enter the following election of claims as set forth below.

**Election**

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Species (a), which are claims 1-15.

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with partial traverse, prosecution of Group I, Species (a) claims 1-15, which claims are directed to a method for enhancing the adjuvant effect of IL-12.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner's reconsideration of the restriction of claims 40 and 41 of Group II from the adjuvanting method claims of Group I,

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